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SUBJECT: NEB REQUESTS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROPOSED
KITIMAT PIPELINE

1. SUMMARY: NATIONAL ENERGY BOARD (NEB) HAS ISSUED FIRST OF TWO OR POSSIBLY THREE "DEFICIENCY LETTERS" TO KITIMAT CONSORTIUM REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROPOSED PROJECT. REQUEST IS EFFORT BY BOARD TO EXPEDITE HEARINGS. NO REAL DEFICIENCY OF INFORMATION REGARDING PROJECT IS EXPECTED. NEB HEARING ON PROPOSAL WILL PROBABLY BEGIN IN LATE FEBRUARY. END SUMMARY.

2. JANUARY 6 GLOBE AND MAIL ARTICLE BY JEFF CARRUTHERS REPORTS THAT NEB HAS ASKED KITIMAT PIPELINE LTD. OF CALGARY FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON ITS PROPOSED PIPELINE BEFORE IT WILL PROCEED WITH A PUBLIC HEARING. ACCORDING TO ARTICLE, NEB HAS REQUESTED FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

A. DETAILS ON CANADIAN EQUITY OWNERSHIP OF SIX PARTICIPATING COMPANIES IN KITIMAT PROJECT;

B. LIST OF CANADIAN REFINERIES WHICH WOULD BENEFIT FROM CONSTRUCTION OF PIPELINE BY RECEIVING NEW SOURCES OF OFFSHORE CRUDE;

C. DETAILS OF THE ROUTE IN THE JASPER NATIONAL PARK AND

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EDMONTON AREAS (NOTE: DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN AND NORTHERN AFFAIRS HAS INDICATED IT MIGHT BLOCK PASSAGE OF THE LINE THROUGH JASPER NATIONAL PARK EVEN THOUGH PROPOSED ROUTE IS OVER EXISTING PIPELINE RIGHT OF WAY.);

D. LIST OF ALL INDIAN RESERVES AND FEDERAL OR PROVINCIAL PARKS TO BE AFFECTED BY THE PIPELINE;

E. DETAILS OF ANY PENDING PROPOSALS TO USE EXISTING

RIGHTS-OF-WAY OF THE BRITISH COLUMBIA HYDRO AND POWER
AUTHORITY, PACIFIC NORTHERN GAS LTD., AND TRANS MOUNTAIN
PIPELINE COMPANY LTD.;

F. INTERPROVINCIAL PIPELINE LTD. PLANS FOR HANDLING
SHIPMENTS OF OIL TO MINNESOTA DURING 1980-89 (INTER-PROVINCIAL
IS A PARTICIPANT IN THE KITIMAT PROJECT AND OPERATOR OF
THE MAIN CRUDE OIL PIPELINE EAST OF EDMONTON. ADDITIONAL
PIPELINE FACILITIES WILL HAVE TO BE CONSTRUCTED BY INTER-
PROVINCIAL TO HANDLE SHIPMENTS TO MINNESOTA.); AND

G. DETAILS ON AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING, AGREEMENTS WITH
USERS OF THE PIPELINE, AND PROPORTION OF ALASKAN AND NON-
ALASKAN OIL TO BE TRANSPORTED THROUGH THE LINE.

3. COMMENT: EMBOFF LEARNED FROM SENIOR NEB OIL POLICY
PERSONNEL THAT NO REAL DEFICIENCIES EXIST IN KITIMAT PROPOSAL.
NEB REQUEST FOR INFORMATION IS INTENDED TO TIE DOWN ANY LOOSE
ENDS BEFORE HEARING BEGINS AND THEREBY SHORTEN IT AS MUCH AS
POSSIBLE. INFORMATION REQUESTS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE WILL BE
FOLLOWED BY REQUEST FOR DATA ON SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT OF THE LINE AND A PROJECT COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS. SOURCES
SAY THAT KITIMAT CONSORTIUM IS WORKING DILIGENTLY ON REQUESTS
AND THAT UNLESS THERE IS SOME UNFORESEEN HITCH, HEARING
WILL BEGIN IN LATE FEBRUARY.
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